

Notes from MTF R&D&E AC phone conference meeting
April 14, 2017
Call to order at ~9:04 am.

Present: Bob Foy, Jeff Hetrick., Cynthia Pring-Ham, Mike Stekoll, Kate Sullivan, Eric Wyatt.,
And: Kirsten Shelton Walker (McDowell Group)

Next Meeting: May 12, 9-10 AM ADT

Existing Research and Future Needs

Stekoll went over the assignments for the document on Google Docs titled “Existing Research and Future Needs”. He would like this document finished as the base information for setting our priorities.

The priorities for seaweeds (Mike) and inverts (Eric) are in the Google Docs folder: “Priorities – Near Term”. AC members should review and edit/comment as necessary.

Mike: asked Eric to add to his priorities by giving the current status of each one. That is, what if anything is being done and who is doing it.

Cynthia: suggested making that simpler by using codes for the status

Jeff: has found the proposed structure for a Mariculture Technical Center (MTC) that was written in 1997. Thought it may be useful as a guide for our long term priorities.

Eric and Jeff: side discussion on oyster propagation as a priority.

Environmental Information

Mike: This needs to be completed in the Existing Research and Future Needs document. And then we can determine future priorities.

Kate: agreed to take on this task with Bob helping out. Suggestion to find out what data are collected by the farmers?

Intermediate priorities

Mike: How do we accomplish this task? Crab enhancement an intermediate priority as Jeff has suggested?

Cynthia: Remind us what this entails.

Mike: includes future species and bringing in outside information.

Eric: used the term “technology transfer” for future mariculture. Wanted one of the priorities to be the re-creation of the Marine Advisory Agent for mariculture. Someone who should be traveling the entire state to understand everything that is going on. This person needs to actively reach out.

Mike: Blue Evolution with AK Sea Grant has a proposal in for funding that includes a MAP agent to do this.

Mike: we need to finish the Existing Research and Future Needs document and then attempt to pull short, mid and long term priorities from it.

Cynthia: wanted to be sure we keep the ASGA 2011 priorities in our priority documents. People spent a lot of time and thought creating that list.

Mike: Carter tried to update that list at the last ADGA meeting in December. Agrees that the 2011 list needs to be included in our documents

Eric: can we annotate that list with immediate, intermediate and long term?

(This can be done but I do not remember anyone volunteering to do this. I guess we will address it in the Existing Research and Future Needs document)

Eric. There is too much information in the Existing Research and Future Needs document.

Would like a “bare bones” version that lists just the main points.

Mike: Idea is to get all of the information for that document and then he will edit it and also create a bare bones outline for it.

Cynthia: What are we doing with the document “Factors to address for the mariculture of any species”? She has added to it.

Mike: he put that up as a general outline for what is involved in the mariculture of a species.

Did not have a particular idea what to do with it. Maybe use it as an appendix for our report to the MTF. It is helpful to have others look at this and edit it.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:55 AM.